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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished
 the description:
 pages 1-22 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the claims:
 nos. 1-12 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____
 the drawings:
 sheets 1/5-5/5 _____ as originally filed/furnished
 sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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 a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
 the drawings, sheets/figs _____
 the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
 any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages _____
 the claims, nos. _____
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* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims _____	YES
	Claims <u>1-12</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims _____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. In the present report, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 6 001 419 A (DELPERIER BERNARD ET AL) 14 December 1999 (1999-12-14)

D2: GLASIER G F ET AL: "Formation of pyrolytic carbon during the pyrolysis of ethane at high conversions" CARBON, vol. 39, no. 1, January 2001 (2001-01), pages 15-23, XP004319819 ISSN: 0008-6223
2. D1 (see claims and examples), which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes a chemical infiltration method for densifying porous substrates using carbon. Parameters (for example, pressure or temperature) are varied according to a predetermined model so as to control the microstructure and reduce the total duration of the method.
- 2.1 Consequently, the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the teaching of D1 in that the content of a compound selected from among allene, propyne and benzene present in the flue gases is measured and, depending on the measured content, the method is

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controlled by adjusting the pressure or the temperature, for example.

- 2.2 The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can be considered to be that of providing a method controlled in real time so as to optimise the infiltration parameters.
- 2.3 The solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application is not considered inventive (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons:

It is known from D2 (see "2. Experimental": 3.2 "Rates as a function of concentration" and figure 7) that the benzene content of the flue gases in pyrolytic carbon deposition methods is a good indication of carbon deposit kinetics. It is obvious for a person skilled in the art to use the relationship between the benzene content and the kinetics to arrive at a method according to D1 controlled in real time.

Consequently, a person skilled in the art seeking to solve the stated problem would combine the features described in D1 and D2, without exercising inventive skill. The solution proposed in independent claim 1 cannot therefore be considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).

- 2.4 Dependent claims 2 to 12 contain no features which, when combined with the features of any one of the claims to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and (3)).